

**"BLACKMAIL," SAYS  
AN EDDY LEADER**

**Mrs. Gilbert Charged With  
Seeking to Rob the  
Mother Church.**

LETTER PUBLISHED  
TO PROVE THE CASE

Statement Issued When \$5,000  
Demanded Was Not Forth-  
coming—Mrs. Eddy De-  
clared to Be Alive and  
Well—Takes Her  
Daily Drive.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BOSTON, MASS., June 6.—Alfred Farlow, head of one of the departments of the Christian Science Church, told to-night the alleged inside story of the happenings that led to the proclamation to Christian Scientists by Mrs. Della Gilbert of New York, in which it was declared that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was either "dead or a mindless puppet." He virtually accused Mrs. Gilbert of endeavoring to "pull the wool" over the eyes of the church members.

by demanding the sum of \$5,000 with the issuing of her statement as the alternative. He further declared that Mrs. Eddy is very much alive, physically well and mentally alert, and that she to-day took her accustomed daily drive.

low offered the following letter, addressed to the first reader of the mother church, and bearing the signature, Mrs. Della M. Gilbert. Following the receipt of this letter it was declared Mrs. Gilbert was dropped from membership.

**Mrs. Gilbert's Letter.**

"Mr. Clifford Smith: My Dear Sir,—I shall leave to-morrow evening for New York. Train leaves at 10 o'clock tomorrow. I shall be grieved in many movements by the way through which principle works to supply my needs. God has led me so far, and supplied means for me to come. I mean, though, to be faithful to the church."

Of course, I realize that for my own sake and the sake of God's greater cause, I cannot afford to take one more step, and have prayed for guidance and help never before. My leading has come to me in this way: If Divine Love will, send, give or loan to me the sum of \$5,000 to reimburse me for my loss, as far—the loss of my position and salary—

ing my furniture and furnishings and the loss incurred from being unable to bring out my work at the Plaza—I will take that as a leading that I am wrong and the money will enable me to recover myself and pay off obligations incurred while making a move, which I thought was right at the time."

**To Regain Footing.**

"The money would tide me over the next few months while I am trying to regain my lost footing, and enable me to start my church work in the fall in New York. If at that time you

"If, on the other hand, I do not bring out the above outlined demonstration, I can be following my original plan, secure a much larger sum of money, and as I told you this afternoon, this whole move of mine has cost me what it would take years to regain in the simple way the

IN A PADDED CELL

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., June 6.—The death of Dr. Daniel C. Hays, who was stabbed by John Murphy, the hotel butcher, who slew five men and seriously wounded three others at Somerville yesterday, was expected here to-night. John Cheevas and Joseph Chick, who also were stabbed, are in a critical condition, and their recovery is considered doubtful.

In a padded cell at the Somerville police station Murphy allowed no one

to approach him to-day, and after hours of raving, began to pray. Tomorrow morning he will be given hearing, and probably will be held for the grand jury.

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## RECEIVES NEW MINISTER

**Brilliant Assemblage Present at Reception of Cobo.**

CARACAS, June 8.—President Gomez to-day received the new Colombian minister, A. Vasquez Cobo, at the Miraflores Palace. A large body of troops was stationed outside the palace, while there was a brilliant assemblage with

President Gomez has issued a decree establishing a half-price on salmon for fishermen, which is expected to have the effect of reviving the fishing industry.

## RESTORES APPROPRIATION

Money Will Be Used for Construction of Battleships.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 6.—The Council of the Empire has adopted a marine budget, restoring the appropriation of \$1,700,000 rejected by the

Duma. This amount is to go toward the construction of four new battleships authorized in 1908. The keels of the first two will be laid down June 18 and July 3.

Vice-Admiral Eirleff, Ex-Minister of Marine, advocates the sale of all the old vessels of the navy, which, he declares, have become useless.

**On Eve of Epidemic.**

ST. PETERSBURG, June 6.—St. Petersburg is on the eve of a new and serious epidemic of cholera, according to the chief sanitary physician of the city, Dr. Ivanoff. Twelve cases of cholera were reported yesterday and nine to-day. These are spread practically all the quarters of the city, indicating that the infection is general.